

Announcements

American Dietetic Association names new CEO

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The American Dietetic Association has named Patricia Babjak Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for its national headquarters. Pat has held other positions at the Association including Executive Vice President for Strategic Management and Governance and Director of the Commission on Dietetic Registration. In 2004, in recognition of her service to the dietetics profession, she was named an Honorary Member in the Association.

Babjak has served on the Advisory Committee of the Harvard University Leadership Institute as well as on the Pew Health Professions Commission on Educating Health Care Workforce Task Force. She has chaired the National Commission for Certifying Agencies and served on the Leadership Council for the National Organization for Competency Assurance. Babjak is a graduate of the University of Illinois-Chicago and earned a master's degree in library science from Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois.

October 17-20, 2009 ADA Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo

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ADA Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo – 2009

Professor Ricardo Uauy will be presenting the Wimpfheimer Guggenheim International Lecture taking place at ADA's Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in Denver, Colorado, October 17-20, 2009. Dr. Uauy is one of the most distinguished scientists in international nutrition today. He is a highly respected advisor to the United Nations, World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization and has been the recipient of many International Awards. He is the President of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences IUNS (2006-10).

For more information about ADA's Food & Nutrition, Conference & Expo please visit the ADA's website at:

<http://www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/events.html>

Awards

Edna & Robert Langholz International Nutrition Award

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Nominate yourself or someone you know for the prestigious Edna & Robert Langholz International Nutrition Award that honors the person whose contribution to nutrition has had the greatest international significance. The recipient will receive the award in person at the 2010 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in Boston, Massachusetts, USA and will be expected to give a 45 minute presentation as part of the formal program. The recipient will receive a bronze statue representing the award and a \$25,000 award (US). The nominee may be a citizen of any country. No resident or citizen of any one country may win consecutively (any applicant from Denmark is therefore not eligible in 2010).

Nomination forms are available

at: http://www.adaf.org/cps/rde/xchg/adaf/hs.xsl/8459_14346_ENU_HTML.htm or by calling Beth Labrador, ADA Foundation at 800/877-1600, ext. 4821, or e-mailing blabrador@eatright.org. Nominations must be accompanied by a written achievement summary of the nominee's accomplishments in the field of food and/or nutrition and the international impact of those achievements. Hard copy and electronic nominations will be accepted and must be received by October 5, 2009.

Past Recipients include:

** 1992- Elsie May Widdowson, PhD, DSc

England

Among many accomplishments, she played a major role in developing our present understanding of the relationships of food to child growth.

** 1995- Perla Santos Ocampo, MD

Philippines

Recognized for outstanding works and accomplishments in the twin scourges of diarrheal diseases contributed in the elucidation of etiologic factors and planning of control measures that reinforced international recommendations in oral rehydration and nutritional management.

** 1997- Doris Howes Calloway, PhD

United States

Known for contributions extensive in both quantity and subject matter, the diversity of her work demonstrates her exceptional mastery of a broad spectrum of human nutrition and food science.

** 2004- Andrew (PhD) and Ann (PhD) Prentice
England

The first husband and wife team to receive this award, the Prentice's are recognized for their outstanding contributions to international nutrition. Andrew's research focuses on pregnancy and lactation, energy requirements and adaptations and malnutrition. Ann's research is in the area of nutrient requirements for bone health, encompassing the nutritional problems of both affluent and developing societies.

** 2006- Jean H Hankin, DrPH MS MPH RetRD
United States

Dr. Hankin is Professor and Researcher Emeriti, Epidemiology Program, Cancer Research Center and Professor of Public Health, University of Hawaii. Her research focused on the role of diet as a risk factor of the development of chronic diseases among many different populations around the globe. She perfected a dietary methodology that is appropriate for various ethnic groups which revealed the differences in risk factors attributed to diet.

** 2008- Jorn Dyerberg, MD, DMSc, DHC
Denmark

His groundbreaking studies on the health benefits of consuming fish oils provided the foundation for research on omega-3 fatty acids. Dyerberg is now medical and scientific advisor for Napro-Pharma Ltd. in Norway.

Wimpfheimer-Guggenheim Fund for International Exchange in Nutrition, Dietetics and
Management Essay Award

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The Wimpfheimer–Guggenheim Fund for International Exchange in Nutrition, Dietetics and Management is offering a \$1,000 award for an essay describing a plan to create a regional nutrition or dietetic association preferably in a developing country or countries or describing an effective mass feeding program for special groups such as the elderly, malnourished or disaster victims in a developing country. The project described should be easily adaptable to a variety of situations. The author must be a professional dietitian or nutritionist and must be involved in the actual project. The winner of the award must submit the essay for publication in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association. All applicants must be willing to share the ideas mentioned in their essay with others. Essays should be between five and seven typed, double-spaced pages. Applications for the 2010 award must be postmarked by December 1, 2009. Applications are available online at <http://www.adaf.org> or by contacting Beth Labrador at 800/877-1600, ext. 4821 or blabrador@eatright.org.

First International Nutritionist Dietitian (FIND) Fellowship for Study in the USA

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This \$2,000 award is given to a professional foreign dietitian or nutritionist, preferably from a developing country, to enable him or her to attend a workshop or seminar or to participate in a continuing education program or orientation project in the United States. Priority will be given to a qualified nutritionist or dietitian who has a serious financial need and a definite goal of applying the United States experience in his or her native country.

Applicants for the FIND fellowship should

- ** State their professional background
- ** Outline the program they plan to attend
- ** Explain how the program will benefit their country of origin
- ** Explain their financial need
- ** Report and document how the total funds will be used. (The majority of the awarded funds must be used for educational fees, not for travel or living expenses.)
- ** The applicant has to prove that he or she has been accepted at the institution, workshop or program and that the funds for which he or she applies will be used within that year.
- ** The applicant for the fellowship must report and document how the total funds will be used.

Applications for the 2010 award must be postmarked by December 1, 2009. Applications are available online at <http://www.adaf.org> or by contacting Beth Labrador at 800/877-1600, ext. 4821 or blabrador@eatright.org

Colgate Palmolive Fellowship to Support Research in Nutrition and Oral Health / Dental Education.

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This award will provide financial support of \$15,000 over a two year period to support doctoral research in nutrition and oral health / dental education. The following requirements govern the submission of all proposals –

- * The applicant must be a registered dietitian or international equivalent.

- * The applicant must be an active American Dietetic Association (ADA) member or international equivalent.
- * The applicant must be a candidate in a doctoral program in nutrition and dietetics, public health nutrition or higher education and have an expressed interest in pursuing dissertation research in nutrition and oral health / dental education.
- * The applicant may be enrolled in the program part** time.
- * The applicant must have a career goal of teaching nutrition in dental or health related professions education. Fellowship recipients are expected to teach nutrition and oral health in dental schools or health professions education programs for at least two years following completion of their fellowship/degree or engage in teaching and research on a 25% or more time basis. (If this expectation is not met, recipient agrees to return funds).
- * The applicant must demonstrate potential for leadership in the profession. Prior experience as a faculty member or preceptor for dental or other health professions students is highly desirable.
- * Research must be completed within two years after receipt of award. Within six months after completion of the research, the recipient must submit a report to ADAF and a scientific paper for presentation consideration at a professional meeting and/or for publication consideration to a refereed journal.
- * Preference will be given to research projects that focus on the relationships among osteoporosis, calcium intake and periodontal disease.

Applications for the 2010 award must be postmarked by December 1, 2009. Applications are available online at <http://www.adaf.org> or by contacting Beth Labrador at 800/877-1600, ext. 4821 or blabrador@eatright.org .

ADA Foundation International Award Recipient – Patricia Y Thompson
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2009 International Award Recipient, Patricia Y. Thompson, MSc, RdN

The recipient of the 2009 Wimpfheimer-Guggenheim Fund for International Exchange in

Nutrition, Dietetics and Management Competitive Essay Award and the First International Nutritionist Dietitian (FIND) Fellowship for Study in the USA is Patricia Y. Thompson, MSc, RDN of Jamaica West Indies. Patricia is the Past President of the Caribbean Association of Nutritionists and Dietitians Institution (CANDI). She was selected for her essay entitled “Developing and Sustaining School Breakfast Programs in Jamaica” Her essay can be found at the following

link,[http://www.adaf.org/files/AWARD_ESSAY_FOR_INTERNTIONAL_EXCHANGE_IN_NUTRITIO
N.pdf](http://www.adaf.org/files/AWARD_ESSAY_FOR_INTERNTIONAL_EXCHANGE_IN_NUTRITIO_N.pdf)

Patricia was selected to receive the FIND Fellowship for Study in the USA for her plan to obtain a doctoral degree in Health Services with an emphasis on school nutrition programs through a distance learning program at Walden University in Baltimore, MD.

Calendar of Events

May 22-26, 2009 - 66th ERA-EDTA Congress and the World Congress of Nephrology
2009

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May 2009

Of interest to dietitians working with kidney patients

The 10th Annual IFKF Conference, Istanbul, Turkey from 17-20 May.

The 66th ERA-EDTA Congress and the World Congress of Nephrology(WCN) will both be held simultaneously in Milan, Italy from 22-26 May <http://www.wcn2009.org>

June 4-6, 2009 Dietitians of Canada Conference
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Dietitians of Canada

DC Conference 2009 – Leadership - Diversity - Professionalism

June 4-6, 2009

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada

Website: http://www.dietitians.ca/public/content/resource_centre/dc_conference.asp

June 08, 2009 FOOD AND FUNCTION

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FOOD AND FUNCTION – 2009

Pre-conference satellite symposium on “The Role of Fermented Food in the Maintenance of Health”

June 08, 2009

Zilina, Slovakia

For more information please visit the conference website <http://www.foodandfunction.com>

March 24-28, 2009 Annual Spring Meeting Nashville, USA

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March 2009

The Annual Spring Meeting will be held from 24-28 March at the Gaylord Opryland, Nashville TN, USA.

Of interest to dietitians working with kidney patients

See website NKF for further details: <http://www.kidney.org>

September 2-5 , 2009 - 38th EDTNA-ERCA Conference

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September 2009

43rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN) will be held in Birmingham, UK from 2-5 September: www.espn2009.co.uk

Of interest to dietitians working with kidney patients

The 38th EDTNA-ERCA Conference will be held in Hamburg, Germany from 5-8 September <http://www.edtnaerca.org>

Canadian Dietitians Share their Experiences at ICD 2008 in Japan
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Country: Canada

Members of Dietitians of Canada that attended the international Congress of Dietetics have shared their reflections on the experience, and we are sharing them with readers of Dietetics Around the World. From novice researchers to seasoned professionals – the reflections on ICD are filled with enthusiasm, inspiration and pride in the profession.

Just under 40 Canadian dietitians participated in the Congress, many of whom profiled the work being done in Canada to advance dietetic practice. What an adventure we all had in learning and developing a wonderful appreciation for the Japanese culture and warm hospitality, while engaging in a stimulating scientific program, professional exchange and making new friends. Read about our experiences at:

http://www.dietitians.ca/pdf/Reflections_on_ICD2008.pdf

As 2008 recipients of DC's International Travel Award for Novice Researchers, Julia Wong and Josée Beauchamp received financial support from Dietitians of Canada to attend the XVth International Congress of Dietetics. Share their experiences at ICD 2008...

http://www.dietitians.ca/pdf/2008_Novice_Researchers_at_ICD2008.pdf

Congress Updates

16th International Congress of Dietetics
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The 16th International Congress of Dietetics (ICD) is in Sydney, Australia – plan now!

For our invitation and preliminary information please visit the
website <http://www.icd2012.com>

Food security for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
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Country: Australia

Claire Hewat, Executive Director of the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA), and Michael Moore, CEO of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), were in the spotlight at the media gallery at Parliament House in the national capital on 13 January 2009. They were there to launch a joint statement on 'Food Security for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'.

This has been an important collaboration between DAA and PHAA whose members contributed to the statement. The statement provides succinct information about the current situation in relation to food security for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia. It also outlines the action the DAA and the PHAA will undertake to address the issues identified.

Access to adequate food for a nutritious diet is a basic human right but many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience problems with access to safe and healthy food in both urban and remote areas. Food availability continues to be poor for many people despite Australia being a relatively wealthy country. Environmental health infrastructure is often inadequate and nutrition education opportunities are limited.

The DAA and PHAA resolve to provide continuing professional development opportunities for their members to support their work in this area. There is also a strong commitment to advocacy for measures to improve food security, better support of the Indigenous nutrition workforce, ongoing monitoring of dietary intake and improvements in housing.

This is the beginning of wider action on issues of food security, which affects a range of disadvantaged groups in Australia such as the mentally ill, the homeless and those on low incomes.

For more information see the joint statement on the DAA website <http://www.daa.asn.au> Info for professionals>Public statements or contact Annette Byron, Policy Dietitian abyron@daa.asn.au .

From the Chair of ICDA Board of Directors
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Happy new year to everyone. We hope that the year has started well for you all. In my last message in the previous newsletter, I was remiss in acknowledging the Directors and the National Dietetic Associations who have been renominated for the next four years to serve you all. At that time I only acknowledged those associations who completed their terms and did not renominate and those associations who were newly represented.

I would now like to acknowledge, thank and welcome the incoming Directors from those associations who continued. Firstly a very big thank you to Ron Moen from the American Dietetic Association, who completed his term. Ron joined the Board in 2001 and has served diligently since that time. We thank him for his grace and humour, for his service and wish him well in the future. The ADA continues to support ICDA and their new Director, Karen Lechowich, we welcome to the Board. Secondly a very big thank you to those Directors who were renominated and are continuing; Marsha Sharp from Dietitians of Canada, Carole Middleton from the British Dietetic Association, Mary-Ann Sørensen from the Danish Diet and Nutrition Association and myself from the Dietitians Association of Australia. Together there are many years of experience with ICDA and we look forward to a busy few years.

The Board will be meeting in April to set the agenda for the next four years. The newsletter will keep you updated on our plans to bring our mission to life.

Sandra Capra
Chair, Board of Directors

Harmonization and Reciprocity in Nutrition and Dietetics Training and Practice in Caribbean Common Market Countries

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Country – Caribbean

Meeting Requirements for Harmonization and Reciprocity in Nutrition and Dietetics Training and Practice in Caribbean Common Market (CARICOM) Countries

Nutrition and Dietetics professionals in the Caribbean region have recognized the need for harmonization of titles, competencies, and registration and licensure procedures. This has arisen because of the region's progress to identify the countries as a single Caribbean space with free movement of professionals.

Several preliminary surveys were carried out among the members of the Caribbean Association of Nutritionists and Dietitians (CANDi) in eleven English speaking countries to provide background information for decision making. This culminated in a Harmonization workshop held as a satellite meeting of the 30th Regional conference of the Caribbean Association of Nutritionists and Dietitians (CANDi) in Montego Bay, Jamaica in 2007.

The activity was sponsored and facilitated by the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI), the specialized centre on nutrition and dietetics of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in the Caribbean.

The objectives of the workshop were:

1. To define professional titles and qualifications.
2. To agree on core competencies for entry-level Nutritionists and Dietitians.
3. To harmonize the didactic education program and supervised practice at the tertiary level.
4. To recommend Registration and Licensure procedures.

The workshop entailed two general presentations on CARICOM's requirements made by their Program Manager and Nutritionist at the Health Desk, followed by the findings of the chairpersons of four working groups who had reviewed the survey data.

Outcomes and decisions of workshop

The two existing titles of Nutritionist and Dietitian were retained. A Nutritionist was defined as a professional who manages dietary and nutritional needs related to groups of individuals and populations primarily in public health and community settings. The definition of a Dietitian was a professional who manages the nutrition care process including food service systems in diverse settings. It was felt that the title Nutritionist should not require the M Sc. Degree as stipulated in some countries but should apply also at the Bachelor's level.

A total of 71/70 competencies grouped under nine/eight objectives were agreed on for the Nutritionist and Dietitian respectively. The general consensus was that whether the preference was for working in hospital or community, the dietitian or nutritionist needed to complete a period of supervised practice followed by an examination to qualify as a registered dietitian or nutritionist.

The Education and Training group recommended that all tertiary educational programs in the Caribbean should be evaluated by a trained professional to harmonize the content. The available registered nutritionists and dietitians to provide supervised practice could facilitate countries without these professionals. Alternately, Government funding could support coordinated programs, accredited to meet international standards. Since no examination was currently available in the region, an alternative to registration would be continuous assessment at the end of each rotation during the internship using the competencies developed.

The process for harmonization of registration and licensure was discussed. There was general agreement that Nutrition and Dietetics professionals should be regulated by their own Council, and not by joint paramedical or allied health councils, as pertains in Jamaica, Barbados and British Virgin Islands. Because of financial constraints however, independent councils may not be feasible so that legal and administrative matters would need to continue under a joint Council. Countries with more than 20 registered members should however seek to have independent technical Boards established as is already done in Trinidad and Tobago.

Conclusions

In the plenary discussion a majority agreed that a person with a BSc. in Nutrition and/or Dietetics, Food and Nutrition or equivalent training should be registered as an Entry level Nutritionist. It was cautioned however that these graduates should still have some practicum or supervised practice built into their training and the extent of this should be determined by the committee on training and education.

To clarify the concern that individual country regulatory Boards would preclude the need for CANDi, the CARICOM Program Manager emphasized that CANDi would have a greater role, if the harmonization was to be effective. CANDi would set the standards for the national boards and determine the criteria for registration, although each country would implement its own licensure system. CANDi should also be responsible for developing and enforcing the Code of Ethics and should interface with the Ministers of Health through the CARICOM Secretariat.

Yvonne Davis
Immediate Past President, CANDi

If it's about Nutrition Ask your Dietitian

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Country: South Africa

The past two years have been a remarkable period in ADSA's history, with approximately 1200 members. Our VISION is to represent and develop the dietetic profession to contribute towards achieving optimal nutrition for all South Africans.

ADSA, as CPD accreditor, keeps our members up to date regarding advances in CPD via our monthly e-newsletter. The HPCSA (Health Professions Council of SA) receives information regarding activities on a monthly basis for viewing on their websites. The publication of the South African Journal of Clinical Nutrition now has CPD activities online, on the journal website. ADSA is represented on several committees and forums.

ADSA's aim for 2007 and 2008 was to promote the profession of dietetics, and particularly the phrase "IF IT'S ABOUT NUTRITION, ASK YOUR DIETITIAN." We embarked on a huge marketing campaign for both years. In 2007 we had streetpole ads in all the major centres for the whole of October. If the facility of streetpole ads were not available, newspaper marketing was done for the same period. For 2008 our association pamphlet was placed in all domestic flights. The Executive Committee strongly feels that we should make the public much more aware that qualified, registered dietitians are in fact the experts in the field of nutrition.

Special projects over the past two years included the following:

** The start of the ADSA bursary fund, which is available to a previously disadvantaged student wanting to study dietetics.

** ADSA Research Grant. This year the ADSA research grant for professional-specific research was awarded to a group of undergraduate students regarding personality-typing of dietitians and dietetic students.

** ADSA and the Nutrition Society (NSSA) were made aware of the fact that proposed amendments to the Medicines and Related Substances Bill had been published and, included in the amendments would be foodstuffs with a specific definition that would fall under the Medicines Bill. The foodstuff definition would include any food that made a 'medicinal claim'. The term 'medicinal claim' however was not defined but it seemed, based on the definition of medicine, to be extensive and might well have covered a wide range of foods – even those in the mandatory food fortification programme. This would mean that these foods would become medicines and have to go through the whole process of registration. Together, ADSA and NSSA submitted a comment document to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Health and also requested to be given the opportunity to present at the public hearings on the Bill. It was clear that the intention of the Bill had not been to turn so many foods into medicines, but to rather

tighten on the currently unregulated supplements market and in so doing had cast the net a bit wide. We are proud to say that the Bill has been redrafted and foodstuffs included in the bill will only be those that contain 'a scheduled substance'. Not all foods are clear yet, but at least the definition has been significantly narrowed and ADSA can indeed be proud of the role that we played in achieving this. It is also worth noting that on 22nd August the Minister published proposed regulations relating to Complimentary and Alternative (excluding Traditional) medicines that will have a large impact on especially the supplements market and will bring these products under regulatory control. This is good news indeed.

The Way Forward

It is the passion of the current executive, to market ADSA as the nutrition experts.

We would like qualified, registered dietitians to be the first point of reference with regards to food and nutrition. IF IT'S ABOUT NUTRITION, ASK YOUR DIETITIAN.

New Law to Benefit Israeli Dietitians and Nutritionists
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Country: Israel

On July 23, 2008 the Israeli Parliament (cneset) approved a new law that defines 4 medical professions: Dietetics, Physiotherapy, Occupational therapist and Speech therapist. These four professions are now recognized as academic health professions, defined and protected by law.

This law is a basic law that in future may serve as a platform for defining and recognizing additional health care professions. According to the law, practicing as a professional from the defined group – such as dietitian or nutritionist, is allowed only for people that take specific academic studies in university academic level according to a program recognized for this purpose by the Ministry of Health and the council of academic education. The requirements for training also include a minimum period of at least 6 months of practical experience in a full time job in recognized establishments - hospitals, HMO clinics, health prevention clinics etc. according to an agreed academic program.

From this day forth, the Ministry of Health will issue certificates to professionals that comply with criteria set by the law and complete the required education and practice program. Under the new law, persons practicing or presenting themselves as professionals without fulfilling these criteria may be subjected to prison sentence.

According to the new law, there are unique treatments only a certified professional may perform. Furthermore, not hiring of a certified professional to work in these 4 professions is forbidden. Another resolution is that the health insurance covers treatment by these professionals.

The next step planned by the Ministry of Health is defining specialties such as Pediatric dietitian \ nutritionist, Nephrology dietitian \ nutritionist, etc. For the purpose of defining the specialties, and other professional recommendations, a committee that will act as advisory board to the Minister of Health was established, and includes representatives from the academia, clinical practice, and the professional associations.

The new legal privileges come with additional responsibilities – a final government exam, code of ethics, code of advertising, and such. This law is a first step, but time will tell if it is indeed as promising as we hope, since other interest groups that opposed it are still working to undermine it.

Nutritionist Without Borders

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Nutritionist without Borders (NWB) is a Non Governmental Organization established in the year 2006 by a multidisciplinary health care professional team which shares one principle “serving man is serving God, and this service should be accorded to all without fear or favour”. NWB has a Secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya, whose mandate is to “contribute to provision of holistic health care to the Kenyan population through advocacy, capacity building, technical support, networking, research and innovative nutrition, health & HIV/AIDS programs for a healthy nation in accordance to professional ethics and National Health Sector Strategy.” This mandate is based on the core values of 1) Promotion of healthy lifestyles. 2) Contribution to reduction of morbidity and mortality.3) Empowerment of health systems and communities through health education and poverty eradication.

NWB Membership

Currently the membership database stands at 200. The members are recruited on their interest to serve others and make the world a better place and is not limited to age, gender, race, religion, education/profession, ethnicity or nationalism but the will to live and make someone's life better through Education, Economic Empowerment and Spiritualism.

NWB activities

NWB activities are national in scope and are geared towards alleviation of poverty and malnutrition as well as promotion and advocacy of Nutrition & Health both at the clinical and community settings through capacity building, research, community health and income generating initiatives. NWB boasts of having trained over 1000 clinicians (doctors, nurses and nutritionists) in the management of severe acute malnutrition, over 200 healthcare professionals on obesity and wellness programs and 500 in palliative care. The Diabetes Care and Management training is in the planning stage and is targeting over 2000 health care professionals nationally.

NWB and community

NWB has been involved in community based programs geared towards public health promotion in collaboration with Government Ministries and other INGOS as well as private stakeholders. Collaborative programs include introduction of therapeutic feeding centers in urban slums, Maternal and Child Nutrition Programs and Capacity Building on the Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and infant and young child feeding (IYCF). Others include promotion of Water and Sanitation Health (WASH), Malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS and Obesity and Malnutrition eradication programs.

NWB volunteers, internship and exchange programs

NWB receives volunteers from all walks of life. Due to the high rate of unemployment, NWB receives 10 volunteers on a monthly basis who are trained to work as outreach workers screening for malnutrition at the targeted communities. NWB also receives medical, nutrition

and nursing students who join the internship program which run bi-annually. Currently, NWB is initiating an international exchange program which will start in March 2009. This program is aimed at international students/workers visiting NWB Programs and share knowledge, experience in different settings of the world. NWB is willing to work with all health based organizations in these programs. NWB also envisions establishing a clinical nutrition training institute in Kenya to bridge the existing gap in Clinical Nutrition practice. NWB welcomes interested individuals and organizations/institutions to share and contribute towards this venture.

NWB Funding

NWB has received limited funding since its establishment. Program support mostly comes from members' contributions and minimal from income generating projects. Currently, NWB is looking for donor support to fund its major projects which includes hosting its website for a more efficient communication system, initiating therapeutic feeding Programs and expansion of its existing training, and research structures.

Funding appeal to fight hunger, malnutrition and poverty in Kenya

Following the 2007-2008 Post Election Violence (PEV) in Kenya and the massive crop failure due to failure of rains in the last two seasons which has left an estimated 10 million Kenyans facing starvation and death (Red-Cross Kenya, 2009), the Kenyan President has declared Hunger a national disaster due to the rising and escalating numbers of people facing starvation and death in the country. As one of our objectives, NWB is harnessing for funds and food from individuals and corporate institutions to assist in feeding this large population which already has signs and symptoms of acute malnutrition as shown by the statistics received from hospital admissions. The main sufferers are women and children and the situation seems to be getting out of hand hence, the need for more aggressive international appeals.

NWB is hereby seeking donations from well wishers from all parts of the world to fight hunger in Kenya. The funds generated will be used to produce and purchase ready-to-eat food to be distributed to communities living in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps, urban and rural slums, arid and semi-arid regions.

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Resources

Chronic Kidney Disease, United Kingdom

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National clinical guideline for early identification and management in adults in primary and secondary care. This includes nutritional care.

The guideline was developed by the National Collaborating Centre for Chronic Conditions at the Royal College of Physicians in UK in September 2008 (<http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/pubs/>)

Educational Tools:

<http://www.fosrenol.com>

Free copies are only available on line in USA. Contact your local Shire representative for more details.

Donna Morton de Souza RD from USA developed a range of helpful educational tools for patients education. Her website is: <http://www.renalrd.com>

Seize Chronic Kidney Disease for dietitians, nurses, social workers and technicians: <http://www.seizeCKD.org> and <http://www.atoz.org> for patient's information.

IFKF Website <http://www.ifkf.net>

see under website links for useful information for professionals and patients

Editor's Note – Please contact Marianne Vennegoor on Mavennegoor@aol.com for the latest International Renal Dietitians' newsletter

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The Adult with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

A resource guide for nutrition professionals 2008

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By Anne S. Hatcher EdD, RD (ret), CACIII, NCACII

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A resource guide for dietetics professionals
Practicing in Behavioral Health Care
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INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS POSTED TO ICDA WEBSITE

The national dietetic association Members of ICDA have established a definition of Dietitian (2004), an international standard of education (2004), an international code of ethics (2008) and an international code of good practice (2008). Each of these statements is available in the document library on the public ICDA web site

(http://www.internationaldietetics.org/education_work_of_dietitians.asp).

EXPERIENCE THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF DIETETICS Videos shown at the Opening and Closing of the International Congress of Dietetics held last September in Yokohama, Japan are now available for your viewing at (<http://www.ics-inc.co.jp/icd2008/flashback1e.html>). Experience a part of the International Congress of Dietetics for yourself. The experience is likely to start you thinking about attending the next International Congress of Dietetics to be held in Sydney, Australia September 5 through 8, 2012. The conference program will explore the theme – LEAP: Leadership, Evidence and Advancing Practice. For more details, visit the ICD 2012 website at <http://www.icd2012.com> .

Two years of Activity in the DIETS Thematic Network
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Country: European Federation of Associations of Dietitians (EFAD)

The DIETS (Dietitians Improving Education and Training Standards) Thematic Network in Europe exists to promote the best possible communication between dietitians and other professionals engaged in health and nutrition, and to disseminate information on areas of dietetic education, work of dietitians and events critical to dietitians in their role as promoters of nutritional health in all settings.

During the past 2 years, the DIETS Thematic Network has been increasingly active. Many exchange visits between teachers of dietetics and practicing dietitians from different European countries have taken place, which have facilitated discussions about the academic and practice placement education of student dietitians.

Two conferences have been organized, the first in Plymouth and the second in Frankfurt, to reflect on dietetic education and share the information collected through the visits, website and newsletters. These conferences have been very successful with the second conference attracting the participation of more than 100 delegates from 23 countries. The 3rd conference will be held in Lisbon, Portugal on the 23 - 24 September, 2009.

Consultation on a draft set of competency statements and performance indicators for dietitians working in Europe attracted responses from 1100 dietitians. The document will be modified in the light of the comments and then disseminated through the national Dietetic Associations for debate and, if agreed, final adoption by EFAD.

Regular DIETS newsletters have been distributed, featuring articles about the education and work of dietitians. During the next year there will also be virtual visits between students from different countries, in which any students are invited to participate. It is hoped this will provide an enriching learning experience for student dietitians and their teachers.

Although this is the final year of the DIETS Project, there is still much to do in promoting high quality dietetic teaching across Europe. A bid for funding a second project (DIETS 2) is being submitted to the EU which, if successful, will sustain the thematic network for the next three years. This will allow some of the many changes that have occurred as a result of DIETS1 to be embedded. It will also enable further development of the undergraduate education of dietitians in Europe and provide the opportunity to support life-long learning and education at second and third cycles.

More information about the activities of DIETS is available on <http://www.thematicnetworkdietetics.eu>

